(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Railways had decided to get automatic warning system at level crossing; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No. Sir,

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The extended field trials of train actuated warning device is sanctioned at 10 locations (7 manned and 3 unmanned in the section of Vilupuram-Tiruchchirappalli (chord line) on Tiruchchirappalli Division of Southern Railway, at a cost of Rs. 76,90,960 for warning the road users about the incoming train. Out of 7 locations 3 locations were provided with train actuated warning device and the balance locations will be provided by 31.03.06.

Regular introduction of train actuated warning device at level crossing gates will depend on the outcome of the field trials in respect of reliable working under field conditions, law and order problems, maintenance requirements, problems of logistics, etc.

Railway Safety Fund

1929. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the purpose of setting up a Railway Safety Fund and whether the objectives have been achieved;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) how much amount has been spent from that fund during the last three years and on what count?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Railway Safety Fund has been set up primarily to channelise the Railways' share of the diesel cess and petrol cess, received from the Central Road Fund, to be utilized exclusively for road related

railway safety works such as construction of road over and under bridges, improvement to level crossings, including their manning etc. Thrust has been given for inclusion of these safety related works as there is an assured inflow into the fund which is non-lapsable. Through this fund, 90 road over bridges and road under bridges have been constructed, 721 unmanned level crossings have been converted into manned level crossings and 1290 level crossings have been interlocked. Further, works relating to manning of 797 unmanned level crossings and 827 works of interlocking of manned level crossings are in progress. Apart from this, 443 road over bridges and road under bridges are under construction.

(c) The amount spent from the fund in the last three years is as under:

Year	Amount spent (Rs. in crores)		
	Level Crossings	Road Over Bridges/ Road Under Bridges	Total
2002-03	81.95	82.12	164.07
2003-04	81.25	84.94	166.19
2004-05	86.30	115.28	201.58

(Provisional)

Development of Harpalpur railway station

†1930. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme to increase the facilities for passengers on link railway stations in order to attract foreign tourists;

(b) if so, whether there is any scheme to fully develop the Harpalpur railway station which is linked to Khajuraho temples of Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.